

An Artistic Discovery Guidelines

An Artistic Discovery makes it possible for one outstanding high school artist from the 2nd Congressional District of Illinois to display their artwork for a year in the U.S. Capitol. It also allows Members of Congress and the public to encourage and recognize young artists, while giving the artists a wider audience to excite and inspire through art.

An Artistic Discovery is a national exhibition coordinated by Members of Congress. First launched in 1982, the exhibition has spurred nearly 4,500 local contests involving more than 650,000 high school students. The winning artwork from each Congressional district is displayed in the Cannon Tunnel, a pedestrian walkway leading to the U.S. Capitol.

2010 Important Dates

Monday, April 12th - Artwork turned in to congressional offices by 5:00 p.m. CT.

Monday, April 19th - Artwork on display at [Prairie State College's Christopher Art Gallery](#) , 202 S. Halsted St., Chicago Heights, IL 60411.

Saturday, April 24th, 11:00 a.m. CT - *An Artistic Discovery 2010 Awards Ceremony* at Prairie State College's Christopher Art Gallery.

If you, or a young artist you know, would like to participate in *An Artistic Discovery*, please:

- Review the Congressional Art Competition information below for specific entry details.
- Complete the [student release form](#) , which must accompany all art entries.
- Deliver all entries to the Chicago or Homewood office by the appropriate deadline.

To contact the Chicago office: 7121 S. Yates Blvd., Chicago, IL 60649, 773-734-9660.

To contact the Homewood office: 17926 South Halsted, Homewood, IL 60430, 708-798-6000.

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Detailed Guidelines

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• The competition is open to high school students only who are residents of or attend school in the 2nd Congressional District of Illinois. Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades on one campus.

• In order to allow artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel to the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are enforced for all entries:

o Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.

- A **TYPED** copy of the Student Release form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece.